

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. Claims 27, 28 and 33 have been amended and claims 34-39 have been added by the present Amendment. Amended claims 27, 28 and 33 and new claims 34-39 do not introduce any new subject matter.

Claims 1-26 have been canceled without prejudice by the present Amendment.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 27 and 30-33 are allowed and that claims 28-29 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claim 28 depend on claim 27, so as to correct the lack of antecedent basis for "the detector" and "the remover". The dependence of claim 28 as originally filed on claim 25, was an inadvertent typographical error.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn and that claims 28-29 are in condition for allowance.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN CLAIMS

Applicants note the amendments to claim 27 and 33 to correct inadvertent typographical errors, wherein "substrate" has been changed to "substrates" and "an" has been changed to "a", respectively. Applicants submit that these amendments do

not affect the allowability of claims 27 and 33.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102/103

The Examiner's rejections of claim 1-26 under section 102 and/or section 103 are rendered moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-26.

NEW CLAIMS 34-39

Applicant respectfully submits new claims 34-39 and that new claims 34-39 are patentable over the cited references.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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